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Dear Sirs,

i think the Microsoft Settlement is still a very long way away from a truly competitive consumer, customer and citizen oriented market agreement, which we deserve. I am against the Microsoft Settlement, because it is essentially in the long run not consumer friendly. It's does not address the basic and principle right of a citizen of the USA: having the ability to choose and also being able change his choice. The settlement potentially makes Microsoft's control of the market even stronger, which it has gained through different illegal practices over many years. And this in one of the most essential technology fields today, which plays a crucial role in the evolution of the free world, which we are fighting for. The adequation is simple: How many Microsoft based desktops are being used today in comparison to competitors. Are there any real competitors? Is this the freedom of choice, which is so crucial for the functioning of the leading democracy of the world? Also there is a very strong threat, that Microsoft will not only dictate the desktop of USA, but also the server side of the market (ISP, ASP etc.) and the consumer market (PDA, Game consoles). So essentially Microsoft has put itself in the position to potentially dictate all essential aspects of the crucial technologies of our time, through breaking the law of our country. The settlement basically sanctions this. And this scares me being a humble citizen of our country.

Kind regards  
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